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Bethel, Maine, Dec. 9, 1896.

BETHEL LOCALS.

Clarence Hall came home from
Berlin this morning.

We have heard it suggested that
the reason the street lamps are not
lighted on the darkest nights is
because the lamp lighter cannot
find the lamp posts.

Miss Alice Russell is teaching
her third term of school at Middle
Interval. She has been very suc-
cessful and is much liked.

A pension of eight dollars a
month has been allowed the
widow of Fernando S. Bennett
through the Bethel Pension
Agency of J. G. Rich.

Judge Foster commenced Knox
County Court this week at Rock-
land. It is expected to occupy
about three weeks, and some im-
portant cases will be tried.

The Robinson Dramatic Co. play
in Odeon Hall all of next week.
This company are well spoken of
in the towns north of here, and we
think they will draw good houses
here.

The best Dictionary ever pub-
lished in America will be of much
worth to the one who wins it, but
the name of being the most pop-
ular teacher in Oxford County will
be worth more.

Ceylon Rowe has returned from
Boston, and is putting in a large
stock of goods suitable for the
holidays. He will make low prices
on ladies' jackets and capes to close
out this season's goods.

Miss Eva Twaddle went to Farm-
ington last Monday to attend
school. Miss Twaddle is one of
our bright young ladies, and is
followed to her school by a host of
good wishes from her many friends
here.

TO-NIGHT.

Prof. W. S. Wight and his sing-
ing class give their closing con-
cert in Patten's Hall this evening. They
will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. G.
I. Burnham of Gilead, and other
popular soloists. A fine entertain-
ment has been arranged, and the
concert will be an excellent one.

Wedding.

Mr. C. C. Lovejoy, one of Bethel's
popular young men, was last Wed-
nesday, united in marriage to Miss
Susie Pauline Kimball, at Deering,
Me. Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy arrived
in Bethel Saturday, and they will
remain here a few days before go-
ing to Andover to live. Their
many friends wish them a long
and happy life, and extend hearty
congratulations.

Scene in a Jury Room.

The entertainment to be given
at Odeon Hall on Saturday even-
ing of this week, under the able
management of the Ladies' Club
of the Congregational church,
promises to be a really unique
affair, and judging from the irre-
pressible laughter that greets any
mention of the "Scene in the Jury
Room" among the "initiated," it
will be something funny in the
extreme. The ladies of this Club
are well known to be perfectly
staid and decorous, but of their
husbands and other gentlemen
friends who are included in the
cast of characters, it may very
properly be doubted if the same
will be said after their appearance
on the boards Saturday evening.
Think not for a moment that the
affair is to be one of the old "trials
by Jury" that have for untold gen-
erations appealed to the cacha-
natory proclivities of long-suffering
audiences. Far be it from the
Ladies' Club to present any-
thing savoring of staleness
before the enlightened populace of
Bethel. No, not it is to be a
representation of the deliberations
of the first jury composed entirely
of women jurors, in the privacy of
the jury room, pending the an-
nouncement of the verdict, whether
for or against the waiting prisoner.

The price of admission is very
small, and you cannot afford to
miss an evening's enjoyment that
will cause you the most hearty
laugh you have enjoyed for a year.

The spectacle of Mr. John M.
Philbrook posing as the comfort-
able and motherly Bathsheba
Jones, and of Dr. J. G. Gehring in
his intangible personification of
Mrs. Bridget O'Flaherty, will be
something truly remarkable, to
say nothing of the shining of the
lesser lights. On the first page
will be found the entire cast of
characters.

The costumes will be "fearfully
and wonderfully" gotten up, the
"Scene in a Jury Room," laugh-
able in the original, will be im-
proved upon by numberless bright
ideas and happy local "hits," and
taken as a whole, most strongly
appeal to the risibility of every
spectator.

Bear well in mind the time and
place: Saturday evening, Decem-
ber 12th, at eight o'clock, in Odeon
Hall.

Holiday Hints.

This is a puzzling time—a time that taxes the thoughts of
most people in regard to Christmas gifts. Let me try and help
you by a few suggestions. In the first place I want to impress
on your mind my store is headquarters for Holiday Goods.
Though I cannot mention all, here are a few suitable presents.

Link Buttons, Sterling Coffee Spoons, Brunches,
Watch Chains, Sterling Bon-Bon Spoons, Babies Dress Buttons,
Lorgnette Chains, Cream Ladles, Cups and Saucers,
Eye Glass Chains, Cold Meat Forks, Gift Buttons,
Mantel Clocks, Sardine Forks, Silver Thimbles,
Gold Watches, Olive Forks, Hat Markers,
Silver Watches, Bon Bon Dishes, Bag Checks,
Stone Rings, Tooth Pick Holders, Stamp Boxes,
Band Rings, Card Receivers, Opera Glasses,
Engraved Rings,

And many other pretty and useful articles, and all the best
quality you can get for the price. I shall be pleased to hold and
deliver on Christmas Eve anything you may select at this time.
Call and see my stock whether you purchase or not.

Edward King, The Jeweler.

Main Street,
Near Station,
Bethel.

STATE NEWS.

F. W. Hunt, a widely known
sewing machine man of Norway,
died Dec. 2. He is survived by a
brother and sister.

More than 2,000 people earn a
living in Paris by fortune telling,
and their total yearly earnings are
estimated at \$2,000,000.

On account of the deficiency in
the Australian crop, that country
has ordered fifty thousand tons of
four from America, and as much
more will be needed.

After a courtship of 30 years,
Chas. Baldwin and Elizabeth Shaw
of Gray, were united in marriage
the 18th of Nov. The proverb, "Bet-
ter late than never," applies in
this case.

On account of the European de-
mand for wheat, the grain is being
shipped there in large quantities.
A large fleet sailed from California
last week with cargoes valued at a
million dollars.

Ruskin once said: "Do not
think of others' faults; in every
person who comes near you look
for that which is good and strong; honor
that, rejoice in it, and, as you can,
try to imitate it."

The new Methodist Church at
Norway was dedicated Nov. 27
with sermons by Rev. J. A. Corey,
presiding elder of the Lewiston
district, and Rev. F. C. Rogers of
Portland, both former pastors of
the church.

Fred Bunt, who escaped from the
Auburn jail last Monday, was cap-
tured at Bryant's Pond, Wednes-
day. He came up the Grand Trunk
bare-headed. He attempted to es-
cape by jumping from the moving
train, but was prevented by a
brakeman.

Mrs. Cleveland is adding to her
accomplishments a thorough
course in French. Her tutor, who
is one of the most proficient
linguists in Washington, calls at
the White House three times a
week. This strengthens the idea
that upon retiring from the Presi-
dency, Mr. Cleveland may make an
extensive tour abroad.

While cleaning an attic the
other day, a Portland scrub wo-
man found an old set of false teeth
which were immediately taken to
the lady of the house and permis-
sion to take and wear them, asked.
Permission was granted, but the
mistress' eyes filled with tears at
thoughts of departed ones as she
gazed on the teeth.

An Oxford county apple grower
sold a lot of apples to go to Mass-
achusetts a few days since. In one barrel he
put a note saying he had several
hundred barrels of Baldwin's to
sell. In a few days he received an
offer for a car-load of apples at
\$1.00 per barrel, delivered at South
Paris depot. As apples at that
time are selling at 75 cents per
barrel in the home market, we
imagine the offer was accepted.

Payson Tucker Removed.

The people of Maine will be
greatly surprised at, and will deep-
ly regret, the removal of Payson
Tucker as Vice President and Gen-
eral Manager of the Maine Central
R. R. No reason is given for his
removal, but surely it cannot be for
a lack of business success, as the
road, under his management, has
been the pride of the state of
Maine, while the stock has increas-
ed from \$5.00 per share to stock
which is yielding six per cent. di-
vidends. Mr. Tucker has spent his
whole life as a rail-road man. He
began his work at the age of 16 on
the old Portland, Saco and Ports-
mouth road; later he was associat-
ed with the Eastern, from which
he went to the Maine Central in
1876 as superintendent, which posi-
tion he held until 1882, when he
was promoted to Vice President
and General Manager.

Mr. Tucker will be succeeded by
George F. Evans of Boston, known
as a broad minded, public spirited
man, deeply devoted to his pro-
fession. He will at once make
Portland his home and endeavor
to identify himself with whatever
will tend to the development and
business interests of our state.

You can vote for a lady or a
gentleman. See offer of dictionary
in another column.

WHO IS THE MOST POPULAR TEACHER IN OXFORD COUNTY?

EVERYBODY WILL BE ANXIOUS
TO KNOW.

The Publishers of the Bethel News
are going to give the People
a chance to decide.

FOLLOWING IS THE PLAN.

As the long cold months come,
and cheerless winter settles down
upon us, we can appreciate a little
excitement, and the publishers of
the News have concluded to in-
augurate a friendly voting con-
test and give the people of Oxford
County an opportunity to decide
by popular vote who is the most
successful and popular lady or
gentleman school teacher now
teaching in the County.

Votes can be cast for any teacher
wherever they may reside, if he or
she is now or has been teaching in
this County during 1896.

Every issue of the News from
now until Feb. 1st, 1897 will con-
tain one vote, which can be filled
out by any one for any teacher in
the County and sent into the
News office. Extra papers will be
on sale at the News office, G. R.
Wiley's drug store and at Miss L.
C. Hall's in Bethel, also at Stone's
drug store, South Paris, and at C.
A. Clifford's, Rumford Falls.

A new yearly subscription to the
News, whether brought in by the
teachers themselves or by some
friend, will count 52 votes. A 6
months subscription will count 26
votes, and a 3 months subscrip-
tion 13 votes.

25 votes will also be allowed for
every dollar's worth of job printing
actually obtained by any teacher or
friend and brought to this office.

THE PRIZE.

The teacher who on or before
Feb. 1st, 1897, receives the greatest
number of votes will be presented
with a copy of Webster's Inter-
national Dictionary. This is a
new book from cover to cover. A
complete revision of Webster's
Unabridged Dictionary, the name
of which is familiar to every
teacher in America.

In addition to the Dictionary of
words, with their pronunciation,
spelling, etymology, etc., there is
a valuable appendix comprising
a pronouncing gazetteer of the
world; vocabularies of Scriptural,
Greek, Latin, and English proper
names. A dictionary of the
noted names of fiction; a brief
history of the English language;
a dictionary of foreign quotations.

A biographical dictionary with
10,000 names; a classified selection
of illustrations (filling 32 pages) etc.

The work of revision occupied
over 10 years, more than 100 editors
being employed, and over \$300,000
expended before the first copy was
printed.

The price of this book is \$14.00,
and it is unquestionably the great-
est work of the kind produced.

Children's Letters.

Mr. Editor—
Grandpa showed me a paper
that you printed, and I see there is
a children's column in it, and that
you invite the little folks to write
something for it. Grandpa has
written for the Oxford Democrat
and other papers a good many
years, and says anyone can learn
lots by doing so; that it is almost
like going to school. I thought I
would begin by sending you a few
lines of something, and if you
print it I will keep on. You want
us to write something about
our school. There are eleven
scholars going to school this fall.
My teachers' name is Lula M.
Penley; she is a very good teacher.
I study reading, spelling, arith-
metic, physiology, geography,
grammar, history and writing;
the teacher boards at my
house. Next time I will tell you
about my pets and playmates. I
am nine years old, my name is
Lydia E. Swan.

Bethel, Dec. 7th, 1896.

MY STOCK

is now complete in all lines.

Clothing, Ulsters & Fur or

Scotch caps
for men and boys.

Men's outside Shirts &

Flannels from the
cheapest to the
best Camel's
Hair.

The best Stock of Men's, Women's
and Children's BOOTS, SHOES,
and RUBBERS to be found
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75 doz. Handkerchiefs from 2 cts.
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A full line of Christmas Goods.

GEYLON ROWE,

Bethel, Maine.

Children's Column.

Conducted by Lena B. Ellingwood.

We are pleased to receive contributions of all
sorts, letters, stories, poems, etc., for this
column, and all communications
should be addressed to Mrs. A. B. Elling-
wood, Bethel, Me.

Mamie's Letter to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa—
I thought I would write you
a little letter today.
Ma says it never will reach you,
'Cause you're thousands of miles away
From us poor folks in the alley.
But I don't much think she can know,
For last year you got one from Sally,
Who lives only two blocks below.

She asked for a doll, dressed in velvet,
With eyes that would open and shut,
One that would cry if you squeezed her,
But, Santa, you must have forgot,
For you sent a live baby brother.
She was somewhat 'spointed, I know;
He allers cries without squealing,
If Sally with me wants to go.

Now she just has to tend that baby,
From morning almost until night.
Her ma takes in people's washin';
Her pa don't do much but get tight.
Last Christmas I hanged up my stockin',
Where I 'spected sure you could see;
And I euddled in bed nice and early,
And kept just as still as could be.

Went asleep and was dreamin'—and
dreamin'—
Waked up—'twas 'bout four,
Thought I saw a light kinder shinin'
In through the kitchen door.
Crept out o' bed just as easy,
'Cause I didn't want Santa to see;
But 'twas only ma sittin' sewin'.

On somethin' I knew was for me,
I could see for sure she'd been cryin',
'Cause the tears they was rollin' down
some;
She didn't want me to be 'spointed,
'Cause you had forgotten to come.
So there in the mornin' I found it—
A doll made of rags, stuffed with bran
With a dress of pink calico on it;
Dear Santa Claus, please, if you can,
Send me a prettier 'lolly.

Than the rag one my ma for me made;
Guess you may dress her in fine,
Of blue, the best fullest shade.
Thought I'd just write and ask you,
'Cause Christmas is drawin' so near;
But don't send me any baby
Like what you gave Sally last year.

West Bethel, I. E. S.

If I Were You.

If I were you, and had a friend
Who called, a pleasant hour to spend,
I'd be polite enough to say:
'Ned, you may choose what games
we'll play.'
That's what I'd do
If I were you.

If I were you, and went to school,
I'd never break the smallest rule;
And it should be my teacher's joy
To say she had no better boy.
And 'twould be true
If I were you.

If I were you, I'd always tell
The truth, no matter what befell,
For two things only I despise:
A coward heart, and telling lies,
And you would, too,
If I were you.

If I were you, I'd try my best
To do the things I here suggest,
Though since I am no one but me,
I cannot, very well, you see,
Know what I'd do
If I were you.

N. Y. Independent.

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GEYLON ROWE,

Bethel, Maine.

Out in the trees, God's wild, free
birds were twittering and chirp-
ing over their nest building, and
stopping every now and then to
pour out their glad little hearts in
a howling chorus of delicious
trills and quavers—but there was
no answering song from the little
captive.

"He shall have a nice funeral,
anyway!" said Maud at length,
and placing little Dick tenderly in
his cage, she went to ransack her
treasures for a little box; one of
the desired size was found, and
mamma kindly left her work to
line the tiny casket with white.

Maudie's two little playmates,
Wilbur and Hermie, helped to dig
the tiny grave in a sunny spot
down by the garden fence, and the
three children went in solemn pro-
cession to the burial.

This was Dicky's epitaph:

Oh poor little Dicky,
You've drawn your last breath;
Your dear eyes are closed
In the long sleep of death.
We miss your sweet songs
That so much pleasure gave,
And we lay you with tears
In your tiny dark grave.

Died June 25th, 1885.

For a whole week, Maud kept
the tiny mound covered with roses,
buttercups and daisies.
Papa bought her another bird,
but though it was very pretty, and
sang sweetly, Maud said with a
sigh, "Oh yes, I like it, of course,
but it can never be to me what my
dear Dicky was."

ANOTHER PRIZE OFFER.

A Suitable Christmas Gift the Prize.

In our last letter contest we re-
ceived some very nice little letters,
but haven't felt at all satisfied with
the small number that were writ-
ten. We gave a subject, thinking
it would be a help in the letter
writing, but results showed that it
was rather a discouragement; so
this time the little folks shall write
on whatever subject they like,
whatever interests them most, or
they think they can write about
best.

Now we want to receive a letter
from every boy and girl who reads
this prize offer! Every single one
—that is, provided they are under
fourteen years old. And of course,
as in former contests, the letters
must be written without help.
The little tots of five or six years
stand just as good a chance of win-
ning the prize as the big ones of
thirteen years, for in giving the
prize we shall take into considera-
tion the age of the writer. We
want to suggest one thing: Don't
think that you must use as many
big words as you can, and
make the letter sound as "grown-
up" as possible. That isn't what
we want. The best letters we re-
ceive are the childish ones; child-
ish ideas in childish words; write
to us just as you would talk to
some friend. Of course you will
be careful to write your letter
neatly, and have the spelling and
punctuation as near right as you
can. We would be glad if the boys
and girls would say what they like
to read best in the children's col-
umn, whether stories, poems, let-
ters, or games. We want to inter-
est the children, and can do it bet-
ter if we know what they enjoy.

The letters must all be in by
Monday night, December 21st, and
the winner's name and letter will
appear in the News of Dec. 23rd.

"What will the prize be?" We
can fancy we hear the boys and
girls asking. We said in the head-
line "A suitable Christmas Gift." Who-
ever heard of telling what a
Christmas present is to be? Why,
you all have secrets from your best
friends, now that Christmas is
drawing near, and are planning all
sorts of mysterious things; and can
you blame us if we choose to throw
a little mystery and secrecy over
the Christmas present we are go-
ing to give?

The Cuban Rebellion.
Weyler is again on the march in
search of rebel forces. There is
nothing to indicate the whereabouts
of Maceo's command, but it is
thought that they are retreating
before the advance of Gen. Weyler.
They will probably keep within
their mountain stronghold, where
it is impossible for Weyler to cause
them much trouble.

Edison says that Maceo has tons
of dynamite and a score or more
of men who know how to handle
the explosive to the very best ad-
vantage. As long as Maceo makes
proper use of the dynamite he is
likely to remain master of the sit-
uation. One or two dynamite
mines have already been exploded
with great loss to the Spanish forces.
It is said that President Cleve-
land will recommend in his
message a plan for the ultimate
emancipation of Cuba that will be
honorable to Spain and the insur-
gents and satisfactory to the United
States and the rest of the world.

The plan is similar to the one so
successful in bringing about the
settlement of the Venezuelan ques-
tion, the reference of the matter to
a commission. The end of the re-
bellion and an opportunity for
Cuba to purchase her freedom
would be the object of the commis-
sion.

Liver Trouble Relieved.

East Fryeburg, Me., Nov. 17th,
1896. For sick headache and rheu-
matism I regard "Hood's Sas-
saparilla" as the best medicine that
can be obtained. My son has
taken a number of bottles for
liver trouble and has derived
great benefit from it. He had a
very poor appetite and Hood's
Sassaparilla has given him an
appetite and made him feel
stronger and better.

Mrs. Sarah Chabourne.

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ONE WEEK ONLY,
Commencing Monday, Dec. 14

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SUPPORTING THE YOUNG AND ROMANTIC ACTOR

MR. GEORGE K. ROBINSON,

And a company of recognized players introduc-
ing a new and original repertoire of up-to-date
plays. Elegant wardrobes, new specialties, and
wonderful mechanical effects.

Every evening at 8 p. m., Saturday matinee at 2 p. m. A change
of programme nightly.

Tickets 15 and 25 Cents.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

Can be obtained in but few places,

THE NEAREST YOU

can come to this in Oxford County is at
the ware room of the BETHEL

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ENVELOPES of our best enve.
for only 5 cents
have 15 or 20 varieties and you can
your choice for a nickel. News Pub

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